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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DAVID L. HUBER ANNOUNCES ELECTION DAY  
WATCH PROGRAM FOR WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

United States Attorney David L. Huber announced today that Thomas W. Dyke, an Assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of Kentucky, will lead the efforts of his Office in the connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming November 7, 2006 general elections. AUSA Dyke has served as the District Election Officer for the Western District of Kentucky since 2002. In that capacity he is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters.

On October 8, 2002, Attorney General Ashcroft established a Department-wide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this Initiative are to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and to prosecute these offenses whenever and wherever they occur and to make voting easier and cheating harder. It is imperative that in pursuing voter integrity, ballot access is not in any way diminished or harmed. The Department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers the Initiative. The Initiative also is also intended to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department where

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the public can report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day. The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy.

United States Attorney Huber said, "The Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office consider Election fraud and voting rights abuses to be very serious matters. Election fraud and voting rights abuses dilute the worth of votes honestly cast. They also corrupt our representative form of government. As crimes against both the individual and the United States, they will be dealt with promptly and aggressively. Anyone who has information suggesting electoral corruption or voting rights abuses should make that information available immediately to my Office, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division."

To ensure that November 7 complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses are directed to the appropriate authorities, USA Huber stated that Assistant United States Attorney Dyke will be on duty in this District while the polls are open. He can be reached by the public by telephone at (502) 582-5911.

The FBI will also have Special Agents available in each field office and resident agency in this District to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses. The FBI can be reached by the public at (502) 583-3941.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington at 1-800-253-3931 or 202-307-2767.

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